

Duchesne County

Carved out of Wasatch County in 1914, Duchesne County encompasses much of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation, established in 1861 by President Abraham Lincoln. In 1905, white settlement began in earnest on former reservation lands.

Home of King's Peak (13,528 feet), the highest point in Utah, the Uinta Mountains form the northern border of Duchesne County and provide many recreational activities for county residents.

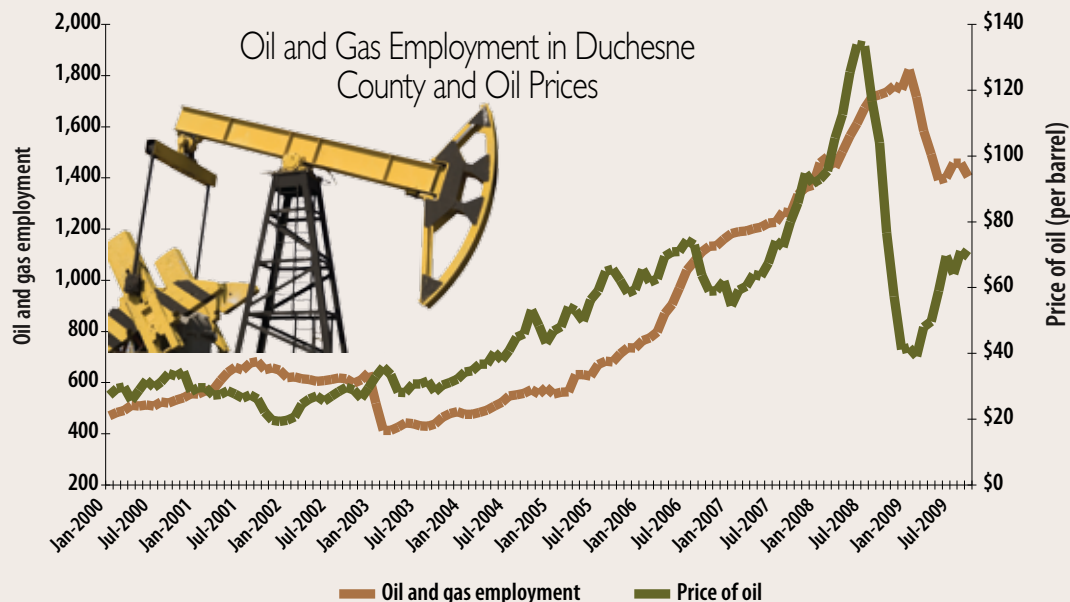
The oil and gas industry remains a mainstay of Duchesne County's economy. Other important industries include government services, trade, transportation, and utilities. The growth of Ute tribal enterprises also gives a boost to the county's economy.

The health of the economy is based largely on oil exploration and extraction. As the graph indicates, oil and gas employment closely tracks the price of oil on the world market. With the oil and gas industry directly accounting for nearly one-fifth of all jobs, world oil prices largely determine the performance of Duchesne County's entire labor market.

The massive drop in the price of oil, coupled with the generally poor economic conditions stemming from the Great Recession, have led to large-scale job losses. Now that the recession is apparently over and the price of oil is rising, Duchesne County should begin to see signs of recovery in the near future.

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- <http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoCounties.do>



Sources: Utah Department of Workforce Services, U.S. Energy Information Administration